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In re the Application of:

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For: IMAGE CONTROLLING CIRCUIT, IMAGE CONTROLLING METHOD, AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM, WHEREIN PROGRAMS TO EXECUTE THE IMAGE CONTROLLING METHOD ON A COMPUTER SYSTEM ARE STORED

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on March 8/10, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the first full paragraph at page 1, as follows:

The present invention generally relates to an image processing apparatus which displays pictures or movies on a computer screen while recording a digital signal or outputting a video signal when the video signal is inputted. More particularly, the present invention relates to an image processing apparatus which prevents copying when a video signal including a copy guard signal is inputted.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 2, beginning at line 6, as follows:

Fig. 1 shows a drawing for explaining an example of recording or outputting to